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ACTON FIREFIGHTERS saved the farm home occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hobson, Guelph Road, Nassageweys, Sunday afternoon, when sparks from welding equipment are believed to have started the fire in the attic. When firemen arrived at the scene, smoke was pouring from under the eaves and flames starting to lick at the roof. Scott air packs were donned by firemen and water from a nearby pond used to quell the blaze.

Calamity Corner Adds Two More

Nicknamed "Calamity Corner," the curve on Queen Street East and Young Street tallied another accident Tuesday evening at 7:15 when a car driven by Ann Harvey of Lakeside failed to make the curve and collided with an eastbound vehicle driven by Roy Bacon, Rockwood.

Constable Bruce Kressler investigated and estimated damage to the Harvey car at \$200 and the Bacon vehicle at \$125. Roy Bacon complained of a back injury and was driven to Rockwood for examination by Dr. Walker.

Motorcycle Accident

A 66-year-old motorcyclist, Roland H. Shore of R.R. 1, Paris, received minor injuries when the vehicle he was riding was in collision Sunday afternoon with a car driven by Roy Johnson, age 20, of Limehouse.

Corporal Ray Mason of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment investigated and reported the motorcyclist had failed to make the turn from Queen Street East onto Young Street and crashed into the Johnson car. Mr. Shore was treated at the scene by superintendent Robert Hart of the Acton St. John Ambulance Brigade and taken to Georgetown hospital in the brigade ambulance.

Damage to the motorcycle was estimated around \$25 and the car approximately \$75.

21 Years

Father V. J. Morgan marked the 21st anniversary of his appointment in Acton on Mother's Day. Another celebration is ahead — the observance of the 40th anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood in June.

Turn Thumbs Down on Tannery Effluent Council Considers Plant Overloaded

Council turned thumbs down on a request from owners of Superior Glove Works Limited to discharge some effluent from a proposed tannery through the sewage disposal system during their meeting Tuesday evening.

After a brief discussion and review of a report from the Ontario Water Resources Commission, council approved the following resolution: "Due to the volume of effluent being accommodated by our disposal plant at this time and the contaminants placed on the chemical factors of our waste to the watershed, we can in no way accept the proposed tanning effluent of the Superior Glove Works Limited as outlined by Mr. Zajac and Mr. Geng on the date they were received at council on behalf of the new industry."

During the company officials' previous visit to council, they outlined plans for a small tanning industry in connection with their proposed glove shop in the Scene St. area. Plans had been submitted and approved and a building permit granted for the glove shop, but a permit for the tannery addition had not been issued.

Councillor H. Peal, who with Frank Prouse represents council on planning board, asked council's viewpoint on enforcing the zoning by-law as he stated he had been requested by the board to bring this to council's attention. "It is the planning board's recommendation that council enforce the by-law and as council's representative on the board, I have been asked to bring this to your attention," he stated.

Council agreed some means of policing should be adopted but were at a loss to recommend a way. Clerk McGeachie explained that when persons apply for a building permit, he presents a plan which is studied and approved before a permit is issued.

"I don't go out and police the work being done. I am too busy," he stated.

Councillor Frank Prouse stated the board had taken a long time to finalize the zoning by-law and members are of the opinion since council approved the by-law, it should be enforced or they get rid of the by-law.

"This is the first bit of sense I have heard in six years. I can stay here in my seat and name perhaps 25 contraventions to the by-law and if I walked around the block, I could possibly find 25 more," stated Mayor John Gov.

Mr. Prouse stated it appeared

there would have to be a building inspector to enforce the by-law. "Let us first decide how serious this thing is. How badly is the town being hurt? I'm certainly not going to be a part of spending taxpayers' money if it is only a pimple, but if it becomes a boil, then I'm concerned," emphasized the mayor.

The mayor suggested the planning board could be more specific and present council with a list of the more flagrant offenders in order to assess the importance of enforcement. Councillor Geo. Barbeau stated he would like to see a list and told council it was unfair to set the clerk up as

judge and jury in these cases. "That's one thing I won't be," replied the clerk.

It was agreed to compile a list for further study.

Councillor Frank Tuth informed the road committee a catch basin on John St. was producing foul odors and asked it be given immediate attention. He also enquired "who owns the school creek?" as he pointed out the creek was filled with sticks and stones and should be cleaned out. He was told it came under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Authority and a committee would investigate.

Sewer and water chairman J. Bert Wood reported the digester at the disposal plant would probably be back in operation this week, but the floating top would not be ready to install. He also noted that a second shovel had been brought to the site of the watermain extension on Churchill Road North.

Mr. Wood suggested perhaps a few of the manholes in the low lying areas could be sealed up to prevent surface water seeping into the sewage disposal plant. The clerk was instructed to obtain prices for a suitable type of top for the manholes.

Residents who become parched from thirst while downtown will receive some relief when council reopens the drinking fountain located at the Y.M.C.A. Mr. Wood enquired about connecting the fountain again and members agreed it would be a "good thing."

Councillor Frank Prouse, chairman of the committee of the whole session, told members a reply had been received from Provincial Police approving the adoption of the radar system in Acton providing speed limits are enforced and cleared with judicial authorities.

Retaining Walls, Drainage, Dogs Under Fire at Council Tuesday

Receding retaining walls at the foot of Victoria St. at Fairy Lake were one of the many problems discussed by road chairman Les Dubsy, Tuesday evening at council meeting as he revealed results of a town tour last week.

Relating his sad tale of how the stone retaining wall is fast disappearing as a result of boats being lowered into the water and children rolling the stones in the water, the chairman wondered how the problem could be rectified.

After a brief discussion, it was suggested cables be installed around the area to prevent boats and children from damaging the wall. The road committee program was tossed back in the chairman's lap for action by members of his committee.

Mr. Dubsy also pointed out the "bulge" in the retaining wall on Main Street started by the Tibbons property and said the problem could be rectified by digging behind the wall and moving the wall back, as well as pointing up the steps.

During his tale of woe, the road chairman also told council there were drainage problems on Cook St., Lakeview and Cemetery Hill. He was instructed to investigate thoroughly and make necessary corrections.

The road chairman informed council he had a request from a resident in Lakeside subdivision to tile a section of Tuley Ave. near his house in order to allow access for parking a car. He was

told the area in question is not designated as a street at present and if opened up, the town might possibly be plagued with cars being stuck in the mud or having to pick up garbage from this area. Council members disagreed on the exact designation of the home owner's house, as it fronted on the possible extension of Elizabeth Drive but was registered as being on Tuley Ave.

Mr. Dubsy stated he hoped he was not stepping out of line in insisting on being the request as he couldn't see anything wrong in doing so. After discussing the problem and pointing out possible results of granting this one request and being faced with other similar requests in other sections of town, it was suggested by council the road chairman get some agreement in writing from the resident, if action on this request is approved.

After explaining to council that a neighbor bordering on the town work yard had taken down a broken-down fence between the two properties, councillor Dubsy asked consideration of a fence being erected around the town property. He suggested that a portion of the budget stated for installing a cement floor in the work yard might be used for this purpose. Clerk-administrator J. McGeachie was instructed to obtain prices for a chain link fence complete with a suitable gate.

Due to the intense heat of the evening, councillors replenished the water supply time and time again and as property chairman H. Peal began to give his committee report, he noticed that reporters were sitting parched on account of a glass shortage.

"Why don't we purchase a few more glasses?" was his humble request.

Informed by the clerk there were extra in the cupboard, Mr. Peal then asked for signs designating the council chamber and police office.

Mr. Peal said he had complaints from residents that the dog catcher was picking up dogs on their own lawns. "This is a sore subject with many residents and I think perhaps we should publish the dog control by-law," he stated.

Clerk McGeachie told council if a dog was off its own property, it was assumed to be running at large. "They can be loose on

their own property?" councillor Peal enquired. When told "yes" by the clerk, Mr. Peal then wondered why the dog catcher continued to chase a dog after it had re-entered his own yard. He was told that the chase probably began outside the limits of the yard.

In answer to his query regarding the by-law, the councillor was told when necessary changes had been made, it would in all probability be published.

Following a query from councillor Peal, the clerk was instructed to make photostat copies of all letters arriving in his office for committee chairmen. This method will be tried for a month to see if committee reports can be speeded up as chairmen can study the contents of the letters prior to a meeting.

Golden Anniversary Open House For Mr. Mrs. Robert McEnery

About 250 guests brought their congratulations for Mr. and Mrs. Robert McEnery Sunday afternoon at their home north of Balinadef celebrated the event. They received nearly 100 cards and several gifts, a plaque from the provincial government, a plaque from Harry Worton of Guelph, congratulations from Lester B. Pearson, John Wintermyer, John Root M.P.P., a telegram from the Governor-General, Georges Vanier and Madame Vanier and several phone calls. She wore an orchid corsage from Robert Harrie, Georgetown, for the occasion.

Guests came from Port Credit, Kitchener, Guelph, Toronto, Belwood, Georgetown, Wasaga, Streetsville, Marsville, Erin, Alton and Brampton as well as this district. Special guests were a brother William Kentner and his daughter Mrs. Kilmory of Boissevain, Manitoba.

At Tea Table
Pouring tea were Mrs. A. Cropps, Mrs. R. L. Davidson, friends Mrs. Hills, a sister of the bride of 50 years ago and Mrs. William Evans, a sister of the groom. Assisting were Muriel and Helena Hills, Marguerite Robinson and Beth McEnery, nieces, and Bonnie Cotton.

Two Years In Galt
Mr. McEnery was born at lot 32 north concession of Esquesing, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. David McEnery. Mrs. McEnery is the former Margaret Jean Kentner, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alva Kentner and was born at lot 32, concession six, Esquesing. Both of them have lived in this community all their lives, with the exception of the two years in Galt. Both are active in the church. Mr. McEnery is an elder and Mrs. McEnery is in the W.I. They had two children. A baby daughter died at birth and a son Arnold passed away in July, 1959.

Conveys The News
Congratulations are extended to this district pair from many friends and particularly from the Acton Free Press, for which Mrs. McEnery has been a faithful correspondent for some years.

Neighbors Respond

French Family Escapes Inferno Father Returns for Tot in Crib

Less than 17-hours after their home was reduced to ruins by an early-morning fire, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred French, five children and Roy French Sr., were located in their home near Brookville, one concession from their former place.

Left homeless after narrowly escaping being burned to death, the family was forced to flee the burning building in only scanty night attire. Awakened by the breaking of glass caused by the

intense heat, Wilfred French yelled "The house is on fire!" and awakened his wife who grabbed two-month-old Theresa in her arms and awakened seven-year-old Roy and six-year-old Clayton. Her husband awakened his father and 10-year-old Paul.

After making their way down the smoke-filled staircase, the family was met by a mass of flames licking at their feet near the doorway leading to the porch and they were forced to break a window to make their escape.

In their haste one and a half-year-old Allan was left in his crib upstairs. Wilfred French made a mad dash back into the house and upstairs, grabbed the youngster and as he reached the bottom of the stairs near the window he collapsed with the child in his arms inside the house. Mr. French Sr., waiting outside, grabbed his son and infant grandson and pulled both to safety.

Young Allan was rushed to Milton District Hospital in the care of Dr. Arkenhead for treatment from shock and smoke-filled lungs and will be detained until tomorrow (Friday). Wilfred French lay unconscious only a short time until he was revived and after being violently sick was able to assist firemen from Milton and Acton battle the blaze.

The Frenches were taken to the home of nearby neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. George Brown, for the balance of the night until a new home was found for them.

100-Year-Old House
The 100-year-old home owned by Ron Harris of Milton was reduced to a pile of rubble with only two cement block walls left standing. The log section of the house where the fire is believed to have started in a porch was reduced to ashes.

Action firemen stayed on the scene until 8 a.m. in the morning and returned later with a pump and several hundred feet of hose to wet down the smouldering ruins using water from a nearby creek.

No sooner had Acton firemen saved for a picnic. This was given to the family during the afternoon when they set out gathering clothes, fruit, vegetables and other household goods for the needy family. These were taken out by truck in the afternoon.

\$7 From Children
Primary class children from Acton United Church, hearing of the plight of the French family from young Sandra Van Fleet, whose father is a fireman, decided to donate nearly \$7 which they had

and at this time lost 13-month-old Janet Ann who died as a result of the fire. One year earlier they lost three-month-old Cathy when she contracted polio.

After the fire was brought under control, Bob Brown, a nearby neighbor spent the rest of the day and into the evening searching for a new home for the family. His efforts bore fruit when he was able to locate a home owned by Arthur Gates on the Guelph Road.



HALTON COUNTY Clerks and Treasurers' Association held its annual meeting at the Y.M.C.A. in Acton Wednesday afternoon and heard guest speaker D. A. McConachie of Burlington outline aspects of the publication entitled "Summary of Legislation." The Y Ladies Auxiliary catered for the dinner and members enjoyed a film entitled "North Shore." Pictured above in front left to right are Frank Prouse, Acton councillor who welcomed the members, guest speaker D. A. McConachie, clerk-administrator J. McGeachie, Acton and Jim Andrews, Milton; second row, Roger Cloutier, Burlington; Jim Gray, Oakville; Bill Sims, Burlington and Joe Hurst, Acton; back row left to right K. C. Lindsay, Esquesing, S. A. Featherstone, Oakville; John White, Oakville and D. W. Farmer, Oakville.



FIFTY YEARS MARRIED Mr. and Mrs. Robert McEnery of Balinadef celebrated the event at an open house Sunday. They have lived in this district almost their entire lives.



SMOLDERING EMBERS are being doused with water by Acton firemen after the home occupied by Wilfred French and family was completely gutted early Sunday morning. Mr. French and family narrowly escaped certain death as they made their way down smoke and flame-filled stairs to smash a window in order to get outside. Wilfred French made a wild dash back into the house when it was realized one and a half-year-old Allan was still in his crib. The youngster is suffering from smoke and shock in Milton hospital. The family lost all their belongings and friends and neighbors have come to their rescue with clothing and household goods.